

The Reusable Resources Adventure Center

Be organized and plan ahead. Be positive under all circumstances. Have an alternate plan in case of no-shows or other unforeseen problems and always plan for success. Be able to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Patti Faulk
Reusable Resources
Adventure Center

Started: 1990
Annual Budget: \$25,000
Funding Sources: Membership fees and fundraising by packaging learning activity kits
Hours of Operation: 4 times a month, 3 hours each time
Staffing: Coordinator - 30 hours a week
Volunteers - 20 hours a week (average)
Space: 912 sq. ft. of display and office, 300 sq. ft. of storage, 120 sq. ft. of kit assembly area
Businesses Involved: 50
Organizations Served: Public and private schools, home schoolers, churches, scouts, preschools and day care centers, county government, agencies, other non-profit organizations, individuals and families.
Program Highlights: Turned over 12+ tons of material in the first 6 months of 1998. Packaged 6,000 Learning Kits to raise \$24,000. Implemented materials exchange with other centers throughout the nation. Awarded top community service organization in the state by Keep Florida Beautiful in 1993; in 1995, highest state award: Program of Distinction: Sharing Success in Environmental Education, Florida Department of Education.
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What a valuable resource we have in Brevard County through the Recycle Center. It rejuvenates my spirit for teaching and that energy is reflected in the work my students produce with materials. We must find a way to continue funding for this center.

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A Melbourne Beach, Florida Girl Scout troop gets their Christmas parade materials from the Reusable Resources Adventure Center.